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GET ALVEY'S DRIVER IN POWHATAN COUNTY

Robertson, Who Packed Paving Stones in City Oats, Arrested After Running Away.

REFUSED TO DISCUSS CASE

Street Committee Postpones Investigation Until Next Week. Evidence to Prove Guilt.

James Robertson, colored, driver for Alvey Brothers, grain merchants, and contractors for feed for the city stables, was arrested early yesterday morning in Powhatan county, where he had been traced by a detective of the Richmond force. Information was received at police headquarters yesterday at noon that the negro wanted in connection with alleged graft in the city's grain contract was under arrest, and that the search for him in Richmond might be suspended.

For forty-eight hours the police drag net had been out in every direction, and efforts were doubled after the meeting of the Street Committee on Thursday night, when it became evident that the city was being systematically robbed, and that the negro driver, if not the beneficiary of the scheme, must at least be a party to the proceeding.

Held Preliminary To-Day.

Robertson will be brought to Richmond for a preliminary hearing this morning, and will be put through a "third degree" examination in an effort to extract from him what he knows, and whether any others were implicated with him in the graft of grain.

Following information that the whereabouts of the negro was known, and on account of the absence from the city of both Commonwealth's Attorney Folkes and City Attorney Polard, Chairman William H. Adams, of the Street Committee, called off the meeting scheduled for yesterday afternoon, when an investigation was to have been made. The matter is now in the hands of the Police Department, and will be pressed with vigor. The Street Committee will be called for Monday night, should any further information on its part be thought necessary. Meanwhile the bill of Alvey Brothers for the past month has been held up pending a further inquiry.

Complete Case Made Out.

Details of the case of the City Engineer's office have checked the evidence against Robertson in every detail, and claim that they will have a complete case to present, unless, indeed, the negro confesses that what he did was by the instruction of some unknown party, in which event the activities of the prosecution will be shifted. As the matter stands, it has not been shown how the negro profited by the transaction, unless he was acting in the interests or in conjunction with some other party.

On the decoy load, an order framed up by amateur detectives of the engineers' office to catch the driver in the act of throwing off his oats, as had been previously reported by a well known young business man, the driver secured twenty-five bags of oats, approximately of five bushels each, from the car at the grain elevator. The driver, who was in the wagon, was not noticed by the city weighmaster, although an assistant city engineer, who "happened" to be at the scales when the load was weighed, saw that the wagon under Robertson's control. The city engineer followed the wagon toward the city stables and saw the driver stop in an unfrequented street and pitch off the ten paving stones, which were promptly chalk marked and hauled to the City Engineer's office.

Calls Him Dope Head.

The twenty-five bags of oats were delivered apparently intact, and the wagon, lightened both of its oats and of its ballast of rock, went back to the scales to be weighed out, leaving the city to pay at the contract price of oats for the net weight, after allowing for the empty wagon. Just where the driver profited is not clear, as the contractor is paid by city check, drawn in accordance with the weighmaster's tally. Contractor Edward Alvey does not think that the driver profited at all by the transaction. He says he believes the negro was in the habit of taking cocaine, and that he put the stones in the wagon through sheer "cussedness" while under the influence of the drug. On the afternoon the warrant was sworn out Mr. Alvey was quite unwilling to have any publicity connected with the affair, as he said he was afraid the negro, still under the hallucinations of the drug, might come to his house and do him personal damage.

Chairman Adams, of the Street Committee, stated emphatically yesterday that every effort would be made to get at the bottom of the transaction. He said that it was not so much the matter of the few dollars which the city may have lost on the one load on which it was kept, as the possibility that the city may have been the vic-

tim of a systematic and continuous robbery, possibly continued for months past, which would demand a thorough investigation on the part of the committee.

The result of such an inquiry may necessitate a complete change in the methods of handling supplies for the city stables. If not a change in the method of managing the stables, putting them in charge of a foreman or stable boss instead of under supervision of one of the assistant city engineers as at present.

Robertson Is Silent.

Already City Engineer Bolling has given directions for a more thorough system of checking of incoming and outgoing supplies and material, which may result in the bringing to light of other minor leaks from the city Treasury.

When Robertson was seen in his cell at Powhatan by a correspondent of The Times-Dispatch he refused yesterday to discuss the case further than to admit that he had been driving for Alvey Brothers for a number of years, and that he delivered two loads of oats at the city stables on Tuesday. He said he was anxious to return here for trial, and requested that his wife be instructed to employ counsel.

MAY GET POSTMASTERS

Assurances Given That Annual Convention Will Be Held in Richmond.

According to a dispatch received late last night from Toledo, Ohio, it was generally understood there that Richmond will be selected as the next place of meeting of the National Association of First-Class Postmasters of the United States. It is also the understanding that at to-day's session G. W. Bean, of Toledo, Ohio, will be elected fifth vice-president, it being the custom to advance the other officers in rotation.

Business Manager William T. Danney, of the Chamber of Commerce, went to Toledo to present an invitation to the National Association of Postmasters to hold its first annual meeting in Richmond. The invitation of the Chamber of Commerce was seconded by Postmaster Royall E. Cabell, of Richmond, and by the Council Committee on Advertising the Resources of the City.

The convention is a large and important one, and Mr. Danney was reported as in great elation over capturing it on the first invitation proffered.

A special dispatch from Los Angeles, Cal., late last night announced that the American Pharmaceutical Association had decided to hold its next convention in Richmond, May 18 to 23, 1910.

Resolutions were adopted by the drugists just before final adjournment commending Congress for the present pure food laws.

INVITED TO MEET HERE

Mr. Ivey Will Urge Advertising Men to Come to Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ivey have left for Louisville, Ky., where Mr. Ivey goes as a delegate to the three-days' convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America. On returning he will spend a week or two at Lake Towaway.

Mr. Ivey has carried with him an invitation from the Richmond Chamber of Commerce to the Associated Advertising Clubs of America to hold the convention next year in Richmond, and will make a strong fight in this city's interest. If the convention is won for Richmond, it will bring about 300 of the leading advertising men, representing the majority of the largest national advertisers in the United States.

Cow Mother of Three.

On Labor Day Farm yesterday morning a cow gave birth to three calves, all perfectly formed. One lived only a few hours, but the other two are as lively as chipmunks.

SUE COMPANY ON EVE OF ITS CRISIS

Robertson and Marshall Claim Money from Richmond and Henrico Line.

MUST DEPOSIT MONEY TO-DAY

Unless Certificate for \$100,000 Is Produced Charter Will Be Forfeited.

Notice of an action in chancery was filed yesterday morning in the Law and Equity Court by John C. Robertson and William P. Marshall, who sue for themselves and all other creditors of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company and the Citizens' Rapid Transit Company, who may come in and assume a part of the costs of the suit, as complaining against the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company, a corporation; the Citizens' Rapid Transit Company, a corporation; the city of Richmond, a municipal corporation, and W. F. Jenkins, John C. Hogan, W. S. Forbes, S. L. Kelley, John J. Blake and Edward L. Ryan.

The action is brought by Willis B. Smith and Williams & Mullen as attorneys for the plaintiffs, and is claimed to be an action for the payment of certain long-standing debts of the railway corporation, alleged to be overdue by Robertson, Marshall and others. Mr. Williams, of the attorneys, said yesterday that so far as proceedings had been instituted in the chancery court, the company was only to insure payment of certain long outstanding claims, and that if it was found that the company was not in a position to meet the claims it was probable that a receivership would be asked for.

No Hearing on Deposit.

The suit, he said, had no direct bearing on the question of the posting of a certificate of deposit for \$100,000 to-day, in order to prevent the franchise rights of the company from lapsing.

The predecessors of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company secured a franchise from the city on March 28, 1902, for the construction of an elaborate system of street railways from one end of Richmond to the other, and for the construction of a viaduct over Shockoe Creek Valley, from Fourteenth Street to Twenty-first Street.

Extensions have been granted the company on the time of beginning work from time to time, and last the Street Committee issued an ultimatum in the shape of an ordinance approved June 22 of this year, which provides that the time for the completion of construction of the street railway and viaduct be extended for twelve months from June 30, under certain conditions which are set forth in the ordinance in detail. The first condition is that the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company shall, within sixty days from the date of approval of the ordinance, June 22, 1909, file with City Clerk Ben T. August a certificate showing the deposit with some national bank in this city of not less than \$100,000 to the credit of an account to be drawn on solely for the purpose of equipment furnished in constructing the railway system and viaduct, when approved by the City Engineer, after he has reported to the Street Committee that the work for which payment has been made has been done or the materials to be paid for have been furnished.

Must Begin Work in Ninety Days.

A second condition is that the work of construction shall be resumed within ninety days and shall be prosecuted to prompt completion within the time specified. A third condition is that any damages sustained by abutting property owners by reason of the occupancy of Marshall Street by the viaduct or its piers shall be a prior lien on the franchise rights and property of the company. The ordinance goes on to provide that in the event of the failure of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company either to make the deposit of \$100,000 or to file the certificate within the time limit, which is held by the city clerk to expire with the close of business to-day, or to resume work within ninety days, or to prosecute it to the satisfaction of the Committee on Streets, the \$100,000 in bonds, payable to the City Treasurer, heretofore deposited by the predecessor of the present company, shall become the absolute property of the city of Richmond.

Many Theories Advanced.

City Attorney Polard is out of the city. Among city officials the ordinance is taken to mean that should the conditions of the extension not be met, the franchise itself becomes void, and the company forfeits the bond already deposited. The city being liable to the expense of removing the obstructions and abutments already put in. No word could be secured from representatives of the company yesterday as to their intentions. Floating rumor about the City Hall had it that the company had secured financial backing in Canada, and would be prepared to put up its construction check to-day. Others were of the opinion that the eight-year-old effort would be abandoned, and the franchise allowed to lapse, without the promoters obligating themselves to spend at least \$100,000 in actual construction.

IMPROVED ROAD TO COUNTRY CLUB

Twenty-Foot Macadam Highway Soon to Be a Fact.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE FUND

All Necessary Money to Be Forthcoming in Due Time.

With \$3,490 already in hand from private subscription, the local Good Roads Association and the Richmond Automobile Association are satisfied that the twenty-foot macadam road to be built along the River Road from the city limits to the Country Club, a distance of two miles, will soon be a fact. The contract for a section of the road has already been awarded and the construction will soon begin.

The road will cost \$8,000 a mile. The county and State gave \$5,000 for their share in the road-building, and the amount now necessary will be forthcoming by the time it is needed. W. B. Grant, supervisor of Taskahoe District, Henrico county, is deeply interested in the work, and is encouraging it by every means in his power. It is expected that the people who live along the road proposed will donate the remainder of the money needed.

Shining Example.

When the road is completed it will be one of the finest pieces of like work in the State. It is expected that it will ultimately extend from end to end of the county, and that through it farmers in other districts will see the value of improved highways. It will be put forward as a shining example to the people all over the State.

Those who have contributed to the fund and the amounts given follow:

Isaac Cohen	\$300
Edward J. Willis	500
H. C. Beattie	200
Thomas G. Sydnor	100
Lewis C. Williams	100
C. H. Thompson	100
N. C. Patterson	500
T. C. Williams, Jr.	100
Mary T. Williams	100
R. A. Patterson	100
W. M. Hablilton	200
Gordon Wallace	100
H. E. Baskerville	25
F. E. Nolting	50
J. L. Parrish	50
O. H. Berry	100
F. W. Scott	100
Hampton Park Company	100
Gordon Motor Company	200
W. S. Forbes	100
John L. Williams	25
C. B. Antrim	25
C. B. Ferguson & Sons	25
Thomas W. Purcell	25
C. Hall	25
John A. Cooke, Jr.	25
J. A. Chestnutman	25
E. Victor Williams	25
William Rueger	50
John M. Miller, Jr.	100
Coleman Wortham	100
Cliff Wall	100
Richard G. Wharmy	100
John B. Young	100
C. L. Kirk	100
Robert Lee Powers	100
John B. Orgain	100
Rollan A. Smith, Jr.	100
A. H. Harris	100

WILL HELP CADET

Congressmen Lamb and Hay to Intervene in Behalf of Lefebvre.

It is understood that Congressmen Lamb and Hay will ask President Taft to order a complete investigation of the charges of hazing and other abuses at the Virginia Military Academy. The academy was expelled from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Unless it is shown that the young Virginian deserves dismissal, it is probable that the Executive will be asked to reinstate him. Lefebvre is about fifteen years old, and completed his first session at the academy six months ago.

At the time of his entrance President Boatwright, of Richmond College, conducted a mental examination, and in his entrance examination Lefebvre is said to have passed splendid mental and physical tests. He ranked well during his first year at the academy, and until the present charges were brought had a clean record.

Gordon Lefebvre is a son of the late Clayton Lefebvre, of this city, and has many relatives in Richmond and Virginia. He is a graduate of the Richmond High School, and was formerly a member of the Virginia Infantry Club and of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues.

ARRESTS YESTERDAY

John Wilson, Colored, Charged With Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

John Wilson, colored, was arrested yesterday on a charge of interfering with an officer and on another charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

James Jeffries, colored, was arrested on suspicion of having stolen a quantity of buckets from the P. L. Mayo Tobacco Factory. About twenty-five buckets were recovered.

Julius Watkins, colored, was arrested on a charge of being disorderly and threatening to kill his wife.

Mattie Hampton, colored, was locked up on a charge of being disorderly on a street.

Tom Green, colored, was arrested on suspicion of having committed larceny.

ONLY SYNDICATE SHOWS COMING

Jake Wells Sticks to Klaw and Erlanger, Leaving the Shuberts Alone.

MANY RUMORS ARE DENIED

Leath, Rex and Wells on Pleasant Terms, According to General Manager.

General Manager Jake Wells, of the Leath-Bijou-Wells circuit of playhouses throughout the South, arrived yesterday morning in Richmond and spent a part of the day at his office in the Academy of Music, denying many rumors in regard to the control of the Southern theatrical circuit. Some of these rumors had been sent out from New York, and purported to contain interviews with Mr. Wells, who says he doesn't know a New York newspaper man by sight, and was somewhat amused at reports of friction in the management of the circuit and of his going over to the "anti-trust" theatre interests. The allied interests of the Leath Theatrical Company, the Wells Amusement Company and the Bijou Comedy Company, now controlled by practically the same board of directors, operate a string of playhouses in the territory bounded on the east by Richmond and Norfolk, on the west by Evansville, Ind., on the south by Birmingham and Atlanta, and on the southeast by Savannah.

Sticks to Syndicate.

A report was sent out from Columbia, S. C., several days ago to the effect that Mr. Wells, general manager of the syndicate, had purchased the Lyric Theatre there, the announcement being made that it would be changed from a vaudeville house to an opposition point to the theatrical "trust," as the Klaw and Erlanger interests are known. Mr. Wells said yesterday that the entire Southern circuit, including the Columbia house, was under contract with Klaw and Erlanger, and left the inference that no Shubert, or "anti-trust" plays would be presented on the circuit.

Our contract with the Klaw and Erlanger Company is a purely business one," said Mr. Wells. "We found it to our interest to make a contract for our circuit. There is nothing in all this talk of loyalty to the trust. There is no truth in the published report of friction between President Leath and myself. I have just visited him at his place at Virginia Beach, and he expressed himself as satisfied with the management. Nor is there any truth in the report that Charlie Rex, former manager of the Academy, is fighting us. I have just employed Mr. Rex to leave here Monday as my personal representative to handle the number of the houses on our circuit.

"Our booking outlook for this season is good—much better than it was last year. I am frank to say that I was not satisfied with the offerings of the last year, but the present outlook is for an improvement. We are going to have many more of the best comedy attractions and in the Bijou companies."

Discounts New Theatre Talk.

Mr. Wells was inclined to discount the report that a new theatre would shortly be erected in Richmond, possibly by the Shubert interests.

"It may sound like 'sour grapes,'" he said, "but I don't see the need for another house. The vaudeville and moving picture field is taken, and the patronage neither at the Bijou or Academy would justify another house in either class. The Academy was dark last winter more than half the time. If there are more attractions we would be glad to book them, but when the best performances we can get at the Academy do not crowd the house, I should not say that there was an opening for another first-class theatre. We are endeavoring to give the people their money's worth in clean amusement. If the Shubert plays won't come to our houses because we are handling the Klaw and Erlanger productions, we can't help it. We have room on our bookings for any clean, attractive plays that will come."

TRY NANNIE TAYLOR

Wife of Isham Taylor to Answer for Her Part in Skirmish With Murderer.

Nannie Taylor, wife of Isham Taylor, who some months ago expiated his part in the Skiplaw-Johnson murder, in Powhatan county, will be tried in Farmville on September 15 for complicity in the crime. It is said that this trial will be as sensational as and which ended in the conviction and execution of the five negroes originally arrested and brought to justice.

The woman who is charged by Harry Smith, of Richmond, and the prosecution will be conducted by Milton R. Bonfant, Commonwealth's Attorney of Powhatan county. L. O. Vendenbury and Asa Watkins, prosecuting attorney of Prince Edward county.

It is said that colored friends in Richmond have subscribed part of the money needed for the expenses of the trial.

Gans-Rady Company's CLEARANCE SALE

OFFERS YOU TO-DAY

Suits worth up to \$25.00 at **\$11.00**.
Trousers worth up to \$4.50 at **\$2.95**.
Straw Hats worth up to \$3.00 at **95c**.
Negligee Shirts worth up to \$2.50 at **\$1.29**.

KEEP SHARP EYE ON MOTOR CARS

Police Find That All Owners Have Not Complied With Recent Instructions.

Despite the recent written order to all automobile owners in the city, there seems to be a disposition on the part of some to disregard the instructions, which are covered by ordinance, and to be generally careless.

It is required that all machines be tagged both rear and front with figures which are not to be less than four inches in height. Though all the automobiles have tags either swinging on behind or in front, not all of them by any means have their numbers on both places, as is required. The ordinance also requires that lights be placed both front and rear, and that the light shall reflect on the numbers, so that they may easily be seen. This is done by owners in but few cases, and as a general rule it is difficult for a foot passenger or an officer of the law to read the rear tags when machines are passing them at a speed greater than that allowed by city ordinance.

It has happened, too, recently that several accidents have occurred, and that the automobile owners dashed away before bystanders could find out their names or see the tag on their cars. It is for this very purpose that the law requires all automobiles to be numbered, and yet some owners neglect to do so. The intended effect of the law is to speedily detect after an accident, and thus avoiding detection.

Colonel Young a Caller.

Colonel James R. Young, Commissioner of Insurance for North Carolina, was in the city yesterday, having called upon Commissioner Joseph B. Buntin. Colonel Young was on his way home from an extended pleasure trip, having visited Mexico City, San Francisco, Seattle, Yellowstone Park, and many other points of interest in the South and West. He has been absent from his State for more than a month. He declared that he greatly enjoyed his trip, which was taken as his annual vacation.

SOUTHERN STOCKS HOLDING UP WELL

Local Traders Gain Hope as Railroad Earnings Steadily Increase.

The stock market continued its unsettled and reactionary tendency yesterday, and prices on the New York Stock Exchange showed sharp declines for nearly all active issues. Those railroad securities that are of local importance, such as Chesapeake and Ohio, Louisville and Nashville, and Atlantic Coast Line, while breaking sharply at one time, showed more resistance than almost any of the other leading railroad shares.

Chesapeake and Ohio declined to 78 1/8 in the early trading, but rallied sharply in the afternoon, closing at 80 1/8. Louisville and Nashville was inclined to be sluggish and did not show as much weakness as either of the other two. Louisville and Nashville broke sharply at one time, touching 153, but closed at 156 1/2. This stock has had such a sharp rise in the past few weeks that a break of 8 or 10 points is not looked upon as anything out of the ordinary in such a general market as has developed during the week.

Among the leading brokerage houses here there appears to be conservatism, but no one seems to look for anything more than a "haking out" of what is held so far.

"It must be remembered that stocks have been advancing almost steadily since the last presidential election," said a member of a brokerage firm yesterday, "and to some extent at least has discounted improved earnings and increased business conditions generally. A reaction at this time when the crops are about ready to be marketed is nothing out of the usual order of things."

Earnings of the railroads continue to show increases for August. Chesapeake and Ohio earnings and Louisville and Nashville showing weekly increases of from \$5,000 to \$7,000. For the second week in August the Southern Railway shows an increase of \$92,225.

WANTED JOB, BUT PICKS NO COTTON BY CITY FATHERS

Minister Claiming to Be from An Entirely New Feature Also Rung In by the Legislative Players.

Rev. T. H. H. Gardner, claiming to be from Richmond, and giving his age as forty-five, applied to the office of the Associated Charities in Atlanta yesterday, according to a special dispatch from that city last night. He asked for help on the plea that he was afflicted with "physical trouble," but lost all symptoms of ailment when Secretary Logan stated that there was a job of picking cotton open to him. At the mere suggestion of any form of labor, Gardner became highly offended, and for a time it is said that Secretary Logan's life was in danger. Later Gardner became pacified and left the office, and last night left the city for parts unknown.

He told the officials in Atlanta that until recently he had filed a prominent pulpit in Richmond, but that on account of Democratic views, and other differences with his congregation, he had lost his pastorate. He was accompanied by his wife, who agreed with his statement that he had "physical trouble," although neither gave a clear definition of the disease or of its symptoms.

The alleged preacher is not known in any of the denominations in Richmond, nor is there any record of his having held a pastorate here. The year books of the leading denominations do not show him as a minister of any recognized church in Virginia.

Incidents Suggested.

In order to equalize the proficiency in the game of all participating in the contest between Baltimore and Richmond, and more particularly to obviate the possibility of star work by the more skilled, the suggestion has been made to put a tub of ming juleps behind first base and a keg of beer on third, requiring a libation to be taken from each before allowing the runner to progress. The base men, of course, could not allow the runner to quaff alone, owing to the exorbitant demands by the code of municipal baseball etiquette, and so the game would not permit of an excess of skill on either side.

Great interest is being taken in the game of the intercity contest. The papers are full of it, and the baseball prophets predict a game that will live in diamond annals.

There were a number of spectators at the game yesterday, and each day the interest in this memorable baseball battle grows greater than ever.

DWELLING BADLY DAMAGED

Fire Starts in Dark Room in W. B. Daniels' House and Sweeps Interior.

Originating from the crossing, it is believed, of electric light wires, fire early yesterday afternoon badly damaged the interior of William B. Daniels' dwelling in Shepherd Street, Home Place. The fire started upstairs, where Miss Daniels was engaged in work in a dark room in developing pictures. It spread rapidly over the house, and but for the prompt discovery of the engine, would have destroyed the house. The damage is estimated at about \$800. House and furniture are covered by insurance.

COUNCIL BALL TEAM PREPARING FOR GAME WITH BALTIMORE

